97 Bridge Street, Nelson

C ranked item on operative NRMP

Lot 2 DP 20465



[22 April 2024]

Group significance / contribution to streetscape. Part of Inner City Area historic character precinct. Age, style, design and history is of modest heritage value. 'Edwardian Baroque' style descriptor *in the Clark/Mueller assessment of 2009 is* not appropriate to an interwar commercial classical style building. 'High' local significance *in the same report is* not supported by assessment statement.

c.1930 building for Glasson's Warehouse to the design of local architects Houlker & Duke. Glasson's was advertising its Bridge Street branch store by late 1925. It appears there may have been a dance hall on the first floor in the early 1930s.

Recommendation: do not schedule as individual heritage item; acknowledge contribution to historic character of Bridge Street.

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Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The former Glasson's building is associated with the local branch of a well-known national retailer and has some historic and social value as a demonstration of the interwar development of the city's central business district.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The former Glasson's building has limited value in relation to this criterion.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The former Glasson's building has some architectural value as an example of local firm Houlker & Duke's interwar commercial style. The building is a typical rather than significant example of its style and period.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The former Glasson's building has minor value under this criterion as an example of early 1930s construction methods and materials. The builder is unknown.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the building has potential archaeological significance given the colonial development of the central city.

Scientific Significance
The former Glasson's building may have minor scientific value for its potential to provide further information about its original design and construction.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The former Glasson's building has contextual value as a building that contributes to the established character of Bridge Street and the central city as a whole.

Summary Statement
The former Glasson's building dates to the interwar period and its first floor facade has large steel-framed windows and classical detailing. While it remains in commercial use and contributes to the established character and amenity of Bridge Street, the building has modest historic and architectural qualities.

Recommendation
Delete this item from Appendix 1 as it does not meet the heritage assessment criteria.

References:
M Clark & J Mueller 'Building Heritage Inventory' report for 42-46 Bridge Street, 2009.
Nelson Evening Mail 21 October 1925, p. 1; 17 August 1926, p. 1; 14 July 1930, p. 1; 18 August 1931, p. 4; 7 December 1934, p. 10; 7 August 1935, p. 3.
Historic street directories.

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